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TOPIC	Brand Airfield	
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED
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1. The following observations were made at Brand airfield between 22 November and 3 December 1952:

22 November. A total of 18 jet bombers in three groups of 5, 6, and 7 planes was parked on the dispersal area at Brand airfield. The individual groups were about 30 meters apart.

24 November. There was no air activity at the field. After 8 a.m., air force soldiers were involved in field training. About 40 soldiers with blue flags attached the southern section of the field in a line, while about 150 soldiers with red flags defended the area. After a while, the latter soldiers made a counterattack against the opponents who attacked from the south. During the exercise, rounds were fired by 8 to 10 machine pistols, 2 machine guns and carbines, and one shot was fired by an AA gun. After 1 p.m., firing at targets was practiced with carbines at the target range from a distance of 200 meters.

25 to 30 November. There was no air activity. The number of aircraft was unchanged.

1 December. No flying was practiced.¹ After 8 a.m., the jet bombers were individually towed to the gun firing pit. Each plane was towed by two vehicles, about 1.2 meters high, with four small rubber-tired wheels, and with an open driver's seat in front. The vehicles stopped 6 to 8 meters in front of the wingtips. [] not observe how the vehicles were connected to the plane. While the plane moved along the firing pit, one round was heard being fired by the aircraft cannon at a distance of about 300, 200, and 100 meters respectively. It is possible that two rounds were actually fired at the same moment, but only one round was heard.²

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2 December. There was a frost, ground fog and a 2/10 overcast at an altitude of about 800 meters. When the fog had disappeared, the visibility was limited to about 1.5 km. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

	<u>Take-Off</u>	<u>Landing</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
25X1	10 a. m.	10:30 a.m.	UIL-28
25X1	10:45 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	IL-28
	noon	12:35 p.m.	UIL-28
25X1	1 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	IL-28
	2 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	IL-28

25X1 [redacted] all the planes had a higher speed while flying and landing, when compared with previous observations.

3 December. Eighteen jet bombers were again observed in three groups of 5, 6, and 7 planes on the dispersal area. The individual groups were about 50 meters apart.¹

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24 November. There was no air activity in rainy weather.

25 November. No flights were made while there was a 8/10 overcast and ground fog.

27 November and 1 December. There was a closed ceiling with occasional snow and rain showers. No air activity was performed.

2 December. Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual jet bombers took off while the sky was about 5/10 overcast.

3 December. There was no air activity during heavy snow-fall.

4 December. Between 2 and 3 p.m., individual take-offs were made by jet bombers.

5 December. No air activity was observed.

4. In early December, an AA unit was quartered in the so-called Staedtchen at the field. Eight AA guns were parked next to the temporary buildings.³

25X1 5. Between 2 and 4 p.m. on 25 November, winter clothing was issued at the field. At this occasion, [redacted] 230 soldiers [redacted] wore blue epaulets.⁴

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6. On 1 December, six freight cars with coal arrived at the spur track of the field. The coal was unloaded immediately. Another three carloads of coal arrived on 4 December, and they were also unloaded at once onto trucks.
7. For some time, the pouring of concrete slabs was in progress at the field. In late November and early December, the pouring was performed in a semipermanent building which had been built for the laborers. During the preceding two weeks, the finished slabs were hauled to the dispersal areas by Soviet trucks.
8. [redacted] in early December for hauling construction material for shrapnelproof concrete revetments to the field. More than 50 such revetments were allegedly to be constructed at the field.⁵
1. [redacted] Comment. Brand airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment which is equipped with about 18 IL-28s including some UIL-28s. Bad weather curtailed the air activity at the field. [redacted] the planes apparently flew faster on 3 December than previously is probably based on an error in observation.
2. [redacted] Comment. This type of practice firing in the firing pit is reported for the first time.
3. [redacted] Comment. The so-called Staedtchen is located in Jagen (forest-subarea) 54. See Map GSGS 4414, Sheet 3948. According to previous reports, the AA gun emplacement was occupied by four AA guns only.
4. [redacted] Comment. This information does not indicate the exact number of soldiers at the field. It may be assumed that winter clothing was issued to the aircraft crews and the members of the OATB.
5. [redacted] Comment. It is known that concrete slabs for shrapnelproof revetments are being manufactured at the field. According to available information, 52 shrapnelproof revetments are to be constructed at the field. [redacted]

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